

# Answers to George Miller's High School Handout

⇒ *How many animals in the United States are on the Endangered Species List?*

388

⇒ *Which rock star traveled to Africa last year with the U.S. Treasury Secretary to promote U.S. aid to poor African nations?*

Bono, lead singer for U2

⇒ *How many nations have nuclear weapons?*

7 countries acknowledge having nuclear arsenals: United States, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Russia

1 is widely known to have nuclear arsenal, but does not acknowledge: Israel

3 are thought to be seeking nuclear arsenals: Iraq, Iran, North Korea

⇒ *How many children are in the foster care system nationwide?*

556,000 in 2000

⇒ *Can the U.S. President send troops into war without the consent of Congress?*

No. Under the Constitution, war powers are divided. Congress has the power to declare war and raise and support the armed forces (Article I, Section 8), while the President is Commander-in-Chief (Article II, Section 2). It is generally agreed that the Commander-in-Chief role gives the President power to repel attacks against the United States and makes him responsible for leading the armed forces.

⇒ *What percentage of funds for an average public school comes from federal taxpayers?*

8%

⇒ *How much money did the CEO of communications giant Global Crossing walk away with last year after his company declared bankruptcy and its pensioners lost \$200 million?*

\$740 million

⇒ *Why did actor Sean Penn recently travel to Iraq?*

Penn went to Iraq to get a better understanding of the crisis with the United States. He did not state whether he felt Iraq has nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. Rather, he called on Washington to publicize evidence it has that Iraq does have these weapons.